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Holidays

The following holidays are observed:
 January 1, New Year's Day; Maundy Thursday; Good Friday; May 1, Labor Day; July 19, Revolution Day; September 14, San Jacinto Battle Day; September 15, National Independence Day; October 12, Columbus Day; Immaculate Conception; and December 25, Christmas Day.

Industries

Agriculture is the principal industry. Coffee, cotton, bananas, rice and tobacco are the main crops. Livestock, fishery, forestry, and mining are also important.
 The chief local industries are metal products, chemicals, and petroleum refining.

Languages

The official language is Spanish. English and Indian are widely spoken on the Atlantic coast.

Search and Rescue

The Nicaraguan Air Force coordinates search and rescue operations. The Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) is situated at the international airport.

Time Zone

The Time Zone description is SIERRA (+6).

U.S. Embassy

The U.S. Embassy is situated at Kilometer 4.5 Carretera Sur., Managua.
 The mailing address is APO AA 34021.

General

Nicaragua is located in Middle America, bordering the Caribbean Sea and the North Pacific Ocean, between Costa Rica and Honduras.
 The climate is tropical in the lowlands and cooler in the highlands.
 The terrain is narrow coastal plains interrupted by volcanoes.

Buoyage System

The IALA Buoyage System (Region B) is in effect. See Chart No. 1 for further IALA Buoyage System information.

Currency

The official unit of currency is the gold cordoba, consisting of 100 centavos.

Government

Nicaragua is a republic. The capital is Managua.